

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective January 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

87359.1960

CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 | |
| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA |
| TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS | 20 minus 20 = | 0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 3 minus 3 = | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

• If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

| SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | |
|--------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| TYPE | OR | TYPE | OR |
| BASIC FEE | \$75.00 | BASIC FEE | \$75.00 |
| X\$ 9= | | X\$18= | |
| X42= | | X84= | |
| +140= | | +280= | |
| TOTAL | | OR TOTAL | 750 |

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

| AMENDMENT A | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | |
|--|---|-------|---|--------------------------|-----|
| | Total | Minus | = | 20 | - 0 |
| Independent | 3 | Minus | = | 3 | - 0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| TYPE | OR | TYPE | OR |
| RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE | RATE | ADDI- TIONAL FEE |
| X\$ 9= | | X\$18= | |
| X42= | | X84= | |
| +140= | | +280= | |
| TOTAL ADDT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE | |

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| AMENDMENT B | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | |
|--|---|-------|---|--------------------------|-----|
| | Total | Minus | = | 20 | - 0 |
| Independent | 3 | Minus | = | 3 | - 0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| RATE | | RATE | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|--|
| ADDITIONAL FEE | | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| X\$ 9= | | X\$18= | |
| X42= | | X84= | |
| +140= | | +280= | |
| TOTAL ADDT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE | |

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| AMENDMENT C | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | |
|--|---|-------|---|--------------------------|-----|
| | Total | Minus | = | 20 | - 2 |
| Independent | 3 | Minus | = | 3 | - 0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

| RATE | | RATE | |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| ADDITIONAL FEE | | ADDITIONAL FEE | |
| X\$ 9= | | X\$18= | 100 ⁰⁰ |
| X42= | | X84= | |
| +140= | | +280= | |
| TOTAL ADDT. FEE | | OR TOTAL ADDT. FEE | 100 ⁰⁰ |

- If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
- If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

Docket No. 87359.1960
Application No. 10/617,702
Customer No. 30734

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Applicant in re of:)
James BAICH, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3679

Serial No. 10/617,702) Examiner: David BOCHNA

Filed: July 14, 2003)

For: PIPE CONNECTING METHOD AND APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, to which a response is due with a one-month extension of time, hereby requested, by March 16, 2005. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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